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TIMELY TOPICS.

THE compulsory school law in New York, which promised so much at the time of its enactment, has already become a dead letter. Out of the 15,000 children which were known in January to be truants, only 365 have been compelled to attend school, and their attendance for six months has cost the city \$14,000. It It takes time to learn, but sooner or later people must learn that there are social wrongs which indirectly affect the state that laws alone cannot control.

Galignani states that the soundings for the submarine tunnel between England and France are being carried on actively. They are at this moment directed to the part of the straits near the English coast, at a few miles from shore. Each evening the vessel which carries the commission returns to Dover, Calais or Boulogne, and work is recommenced the next day. The engineers charged with that important labor, MM. Larousse and Lavalle, are perfectly satisfied with the results obtained; and so far nothing has occurred to destroy their previsions relative to the depth.

Dr. Francis Wharton, in an article in Lippincott's Magazine, discusses the relations of spiritualism and jurisprudence. "What attitude," he asks, "is urisprudence to assume toward a person who, charged with an invasion of the laws of the land, sets up a defense that he was acting under the constraint of a superior spiritual power? What attitude is jurisprudence to assume toward those who exercise such power for an illegal end?" Dr. Wharton has no doubt that mediums are responsible for acts done while professedly entranced, and for the acts of persons whom they may get under their control.

An appeal is now before the New York supreme court, involving the question of the right to assess churches for street improvements. Three churches of New York city unite in endeavoring to escape the payment of certain assessments for paying streets. It was decided at special term of the court that, under an act thirty-five years old, which has been once repealed—the repealing act being afterward itself repealed—the churches were exempt from assessment, as they were free from city tax. The prominence given to this case may stimulate the general discussion, which has not been infrequent of late years, concerning the exemption of church property from tax-

TURKEY is afraid that Ruissia will take Constantinople and kick the Crescent out of Europe. Russia is afraid soldiers got such a first-class taste of its sparkling wine during the 1870 campaign. England is afraid her scattered provinces will take themselves and leave her only a nutshell to crack in her own little isle. Spain is afraid the United States will take Cuba.

THE last on dit from Paris is that the Empress Eugenie lately requested Pres; ident MacMahon to permit her to visit Paris for twenty-four hours in the most private manner, and that the result was a prompt refusal. The French Government permits the Bourbon Princes to reside in Paris; has placed the Due d'Aumale (one of them) in command of one of the eighteen grand divisions of the French army; permits the Prince Napoleon (Jerome) to reside in Paris but, in the most peremptory manner, forbids the Prince Imperial, a penniless young gentleman nineteen year old, and his mother, a widow with narrow means. to set foot on French soil The only plain reference for this is that President MacMahon and his responsible advisors have no fear of the Bourbon or the Orleans pretensions and pretenders, bu are infinitely afraid of young Napoleon and his brother.

THE floods which desolated Toulouse

been completely destroyed, and even the earth in graveyards has been so dissolved by the water that coffins have floated away. There is still much distress, but liberal subscriptions are being taken up n Paris and other cities.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, in his able report as railroad commissioner of Massuchusetts, expresses the opinion that the only course to pursue toward railroad corporations is to bring to bear upon them the power of public opinion, and suggests that this bedone by the appoint ment of a board of arbitrators, like the one that has proven so efficient in Massachusetts. The duty of this board, he says, is to hear complaints, and if they prove just, to suggest to the officers of the corporation the propiety of correcting them. If they refuse, an appeal follows to the board of directors, and should their response provefavorable un|the matlar opinion of Massachusetts would have

crease of consumption, so far from having been overrated in his previous calculations of the savant. been overrated in his previous calcula-tions, was not actually in excess of those exhibit its hastiness and inadequacy more calculations; and that the actual increase conspicuously than in the readiness of 130 tons, according to the repe-

umed for domestic purposes was estimany whose modesty and good steam engine to the country.

Whence This Power! ner of procedure, a part of the experi-menters repaired to the Western Union pense with the tardy methods of observa-office, while others remained with Mr. tion, comparis at and analysis, and to read Brown in the telegraph office of the a new character as confidently as an un-Tremont. Arrived at the main office, folded letter. wrapped the pener in the paper written must be very decisive. For first of an apon, and deposited both in a drawer, human character is an exceedingly com-Word was then sent to Tremont, "All plex and variable thing, and can not be ready." Quickly at either end of the known except after extent attention circuit the wires were detached, taken in The facial perusal of character, of which

A DOUBLE HURYEST

A farmer sat at his kitchen door, Smoking his monday pipe, And over the fields his eyes were ast,

Where the grain so golden ripe,
Where the grain so golden ripe,
Nodded away
Through the summer day,
With stratows and surshine hard at play.

Down by the gate the farmer saw
(And he chuckled low in gless
Two, who whispered together there,
"So!" said the namer, "I saw
If I guess aright,
And their skies me bight,
There II be harvesting soon with main and might,

The weeks went by, and the old barn grouned. With the might of baryest store. But the farmer hanghed, to well. There remained one barvest more, Since Cupid had sown, With grain of his own.

A crop that love must harvest alone.

The farmer sat at his kinden door,
When the evening meal was done.
And he haid a kiss on his daughter's brow,
And welcomed his new-found son;
And the harvest time,
With welding bells' chime,
Sang its days into merry rhyme.

CHARACTER CONNOISSEURS.

Saturday Revie

ter is reported to the next legislature for such action as it may deem proper to knowledge about things where the requi take. Thus far this plan, Mr. Adams site conditions of accurate information states, has worked well: the board of theme for philosophic satire. It is the directors have complied with the sug recognition of this tendency which has led gestions in a frank and liberal spirit, the thinking few to despise the opinion of He admits, however, that in Massachu, the many as a spurious and counterfeit setts the railways are owned by the community, and that popular opinion there would be prompt to sustain the commissioners. But it is hinted that the popular opinion of Massachusetts would have philosophers have made light of prevailno effect on railways outside the limits of are formed in haste, and with no due aping convictions, on the ground that they preciation of the conditions of a rational At the recent meeting of the Social Science association in Bristol, Professor Jevons returned to the subject of ex. belief, has long since learnt to imitate haustion of the coal-fields, and very fully Philosophy in its contempt for vulgar supported the views that have been repeatedly urged on that important topic, it failed to illustrate, by some startling the showed that the annual rate of in-

of consumption is at the rate of 31 per most persons to pronounce an opinion recent per annum, not in arithmetical but in account in a comparison of the characters and motives of others. The confidence with which many in geometrical progression. The total a man and woman will talk about the deproduce of 1873 is estimated at 128,680, sires and habits of a comparatively new inspectors of mines. The quantity conness of mankind to seem wise. There are mated at one ton per head per annum of would prevent their giving an opinion on the whole population, or between thirty any point of scientific knowledge or and forty millions of tons. The total exports of coal are only from twelve to fourteen millions of tons per annum, their knowledge is infinitesimal. Num-Thus some eighty millions of tons repre- bers of people, who do not in the least sent the motive and manufacturing power seem to be ashamed of ignorance respect-ing most matters of discussion, are quite of the country. The waste in consumption, whether for manufacturing or domestic purposes, is, no doubt, enormous human character. When, for example, It was lamented by the president in his there is an addition to the society of a address, and admitted by all the speakers. small town, through the arrival of a new family, there is the greatest impatience The most economical compound engines to have a definite and fixed opinion re- real or imaginary, will not account for the throughout the year in the production of ally aroused. It is curious, too, to no mechanical power, we can form some faint idea of the service condend by it. faint idea of the service rendered by the tion which they claim for themselves. It has often been remarked, that the first others, is to display a fair amount of self-confidence, and this truth is fully illus-trated in the case of the confidence. Mr. J. R. Brown, better known as the mind reader," is in the city, and on are now considering. When a lady gives last Saturday gave a most extraordinary out among her acquaintance that she is Quite a party of an expert in matters of character and disgentlemen, including a mumber of news position, she speedily gains an enviable paper attaches, met him at the Tremont reputation for this kind of prescience. If house, with a view of experimenting there is any new character to be deci-with the strange force of which he is phered, about which there hangs a cer-possessed. It having been reported that tain mystery, she is the authority to possessed. It having been reported that tan invistery, she is the authority to be could read the mind of a person at whom all repair, in order to acquire defisione distance, if properly connected intension. If a scandal is just with him by means of a wire, it was determined to experiment in that direction by means of the wire connecting the Tremont house with the operating room of a final solution of the problem. In this tance of nearly four blocks. Having received their instructions as to the manner of procedure, a part of the experiment of the content of the procedure.

one of the gentlemen took out a gold pended, wrote on a slip of paper in a spirit of ble power of reflection to see that this locoseness, "How is this for high?" intuitive kind of knowledge of others wrapped the pencil in the paper written must be very delasive. For, first of all, The floods which desolated Toulouse and its acide to the whiter shows here are distanced to the whiter shows here were the problem of the whiter shows here the message kept his aim function to the several manage of the children of the whiter shows here are distanced to the whiter shows here

the thoughts and purposes of another have to be inferred from external signs; and this process, however carefully carried on, must always be liable to error. The real uniformities of connection between feeling and expression, for example, can only be known approximately after a wide and careful comparison of individual peculiarities. This reflection never occurs to the confident comoisseur of physiognomy, who fondly imagines that every moral peculiarity is distinctly indicated by some one form of facial structure or movement. In the second place, it should be remembered that all of us have a certain power of dissimulation, and most of us are accustomed to put some kind of watch on our words and actions. This is especially the case when a favorite theme of philosophers.

There are two modes of this operation, some of these civil service stores received with it. During the christmas holidays are two modes of this operation, some of these civil service stores received. put some kind of watch on our words and actions. This is especially the case when we have to confront a new observer. We do not care, in anost instances, to be conned too easily by our fellows. Nearly everybody is accustomed to some accustom Thus it happens that a person who is human sentiment and purpose has already at a glance to classify any new ways been looked on as a ground for self-variety of character, runs the risk of acgratulation and for the admiration of

that the mere gratification of pride which attends all consciousness of knowledge, the peculiarities of the relations which serving to be called intuitions, people hold to one another. The followimportance to everybody to gain somepothesis as to the person's real character, patrons of husbandry in some parts however little ground she may have for America, or, in other words, someth

There is a second obstacle to this insprevail in many minds, and is a fruitful eigars, hosiery, drapery gent's and ladics ealls for special notice. Not only is misconception. May not one see illustrationers and pleasing of great complexity, but it is also one in a high degree believe that the first also o inaccessible. For, in the first place, all themselves with respect to the characters the thoughts and purposes of another which they choose for the matrimonial the 31st of August, 1875, showed a re

that it resolves itself into a happy skill that it resolves itself into a happy skill close scrutiny and creful verification which no doubt includes a certain range of past observation as well as a quickness of imaginative insight into other persons' feelings, but which, never-fielders always remains what Plato wholly destitute of the exact certaint of There is the desire for sympathy, which interpretable wholly destitute of the exact certaint of There is the desire for sympathy, which scientific inference. Those who see in is very strong in most minds, and which but were soon discount in the contract of the exact certaint of the contract of the exact certaint of the exact certaint of the character of others are fielders. Those who see in is very strong in most minds, and which hills, but were soon discount discount in the property of the character of the sun; an Egyptian darkness prevailed, and to add to the univer. In the figure of the figure of the fields and the grouns of the diving rose thread the air. In twenty minds and the property of the character of the sun; and to add to the univer. In the figure of the fields and the ground of the ground of the exact certaint of the character of others are fields. The contract of the sun; and to add to the univer, and the field of the sun; and to add to the univer. In the figure of the sun; and the sun; chis conjectural skill a mysterious power prompts a person to anticipate that doing by the runners that those who had already gone thither were sufficienting of correct prediction which they happen kind of grateful resonance to his indivi-

CO-OPERATION IN ENGLAND.

thing like a definite opinion respecting those whom he has to meet in social intercourse. It, as some philosophers contend, the first motive of all inquiry is the need to and general use at the lowest possible of the British capital. The object is to supply families with articles for consumption and general use at the lowest possible of the peculiarities which it was built, and utterly destroyed the poor but populous part of the town which lay beneath it. In a word, where the first motive of all inquiry is the need to be a supply families with articles for consumption and general use at the lowest possible of the peculiarities. of a definite basis for action, we may un-prices. It originated in a combination nothing but desolation. As to the people. derstand how it is that most people are among persons holding subordinate positions of their acquaintances. It originated in a combination who can describe their condition? At so eager to come to a decision respecting tions under the government, municipal the dispositions of their acquaintances. The originated in a combination who can describe their condition? At least 70,000 persons had perished, and the dispositions of their acquaintances. so eager to come to a decision respecting the dispositions of their acquaintances. Nothing is more embarrassing or annoying, for example, to a hospitably-disposed lady, than to have to do with a person lady, than to have to do with a person lady. whose tastes and ideas are shrouded in various necessaries of life, and so they went about confessing their secret crimes, mystery. By the very painfulness of the about of th mystery. By the very painfulness of the adopted a co-operative system, a little and fanatics, believing the last day had situation, she is driven to frame some hynowever little ground she may have for America, or, in other words, something coming to judge the quick and the dead." plausible conjecture. In this way, people like the old-fashioned plan of orders come to delude thems-lyes that they have adopted in many of the manufacturing ascertained a man's real character, when towns in curve of the manufacturing ascertained a man's real character, when towns in curve of the manufacturing ascertained a man's real character, when towns in curve of the manufacturing as the repeat, or their constant of the manufacturing as the repeat, or their curve of the manufacturing as the repeat, or their curve of the manufacturing as the repeat, or their curve of the manufacturing as the repeat, or their curve of the manufacturing as the repeat, or their curve of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of the plant of the manufacturing as the repeat of the plant of ascertained a man's real character, when towns in our own country, the difference they have simply been driven by the in- here being that cash must be paid for conveniences of conscious ignorance to everything on the spot. The institution construct a purely hypothetical concept issues 4,500 shares to its members, each construct a purely hypothetical concep-tion with regard to the object. Another of whom pay £5 or \$25 per annum, which, influence at work in these cases is a form -of the primitive fetishistic impulse to in-terpret everything outsideone's own con-scious life in terms of the same. The same tendency which accounts for the savged projecting his own feelings and in-tention into tree or giver accounts for

The price list for the quarter ending

The Destruction of Lisbon.

cepting, as an essential ingredient of the others. A man who thinks himself caphenomenon, something which is wholly pable of divining instantaneously and adventitions. It may be said, of course, other's unspoken thoughts has not only dawned serene, but the heavens were that the instances we have selected are the pleasing conciousness of power exceptional ones, that the great majority which every supposition of knowledge risen one degree, Reaumor As it was of people are both too much alike and brings with it, but also a gratifying feel-the feast of "all saints," the churches of people are both too much alike and for transparent in their words and actions to occasion any serious difficulty to a poter of men's natures and ways. That there is a certain force in this consideration may be readily granted. At the same time, this fact does not alter the lastly judgment of character, there is always an channel of risk which forbids the process being described as an intuitive one. So, too, we may concede that a certain few possess an indisputable facture of the process being described of the complexity of quick perception of the complexi

to have witnessed, and fail to take account dual sentiments. Then there are the which still rose from the falling buildings of the errors to which this process is cersimpulses of love and admiration which. Then they rashed towards the quays predispose the mind to believe in human which line a part of the Tagus, but only It would probably be an interesting in-goodness and render it optimistic in its to learn the horrible news that these had pury to trace out the various impulses of conceptions of character. On the other suck into the earth with all the people human nature, which serve to sustain and fister this impatience in the observation of others. Some of the principal influences at work, will readily suggest themselves to a thoughful mind. It is obvious that everybody is mean and ignoble till he has proved himself to be the contrary. These may actification of exploration of the principal influences at work, will readily suggest themselves to a thoughful mind. It is obvious that the proved himself to be the contrary. These may extiling the proved himself to be the contrary. These may extiling the proved himself to be the contrary. These and other feelings always dispose cinity, and not a fragment of them ever their possessors to form certain opinions being seen again. The royal palace had see seeting any new character long before been entirely swallowed up, and over the Prussia will take Finland and Poland. Austria is afraid Germany will take Austria Germany is afraid France will take Alsace-Lorraine, and France is afraid that Germany will take the province of Champagne, as Von Moltke's soldiers got each of a million tons of coal per working-day. be house had fallen in, the inquisition appearance of intelligence with respect to their fellows. It is evident that these special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be looked for in so crude and inexact, and so little despectation of the special influences must be special influences. entire congregation. The Irish church of St. Paul was the death-place of one thousand persons, and the palace of Bem-The Civit Service Supply Association and posta, where Catharine of Braganza, widow of Charles II., lived and died, This institution, fittle heard of in the had fallen over from the heights on elly wounded and in agony of mind and body. Some went mad with fright, some come, cried out to the horror-stricken of multitude to "repent, for that Christ was

Politeness is always the mark of good breeding, and some of the greatest men have been noted for their courtesy. Many of they have owed the popularity that was a recognition of the greatness, in no small measure to their consideration of others. The following is related of the late Edward Everett: Many years ago, the creard boy employed by a publishing house in a great city was sent to procure from Edward Everett the proof-